

Davis Property

Herrick Archives Number H 958/61

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Never officially named by Board of Trustees action.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

H 958 - Davis Homestead

H 959 - Occupants included Clyde R. Baxley (1930); Harry D. Condos (1938)

H 960 - Occupants included Joseph R. McDowell (1930) William Gautt (1930); Lafe Hughes (1939);

Harold Sharer (1939); Samuel W. Barber (1942)

H 961 - Occupants included Oliver Asbury (1930); David Parker (1939); William Wiese (1939);
Clermont Ratliffe (1942)

See Addendum No. 2

2. Location

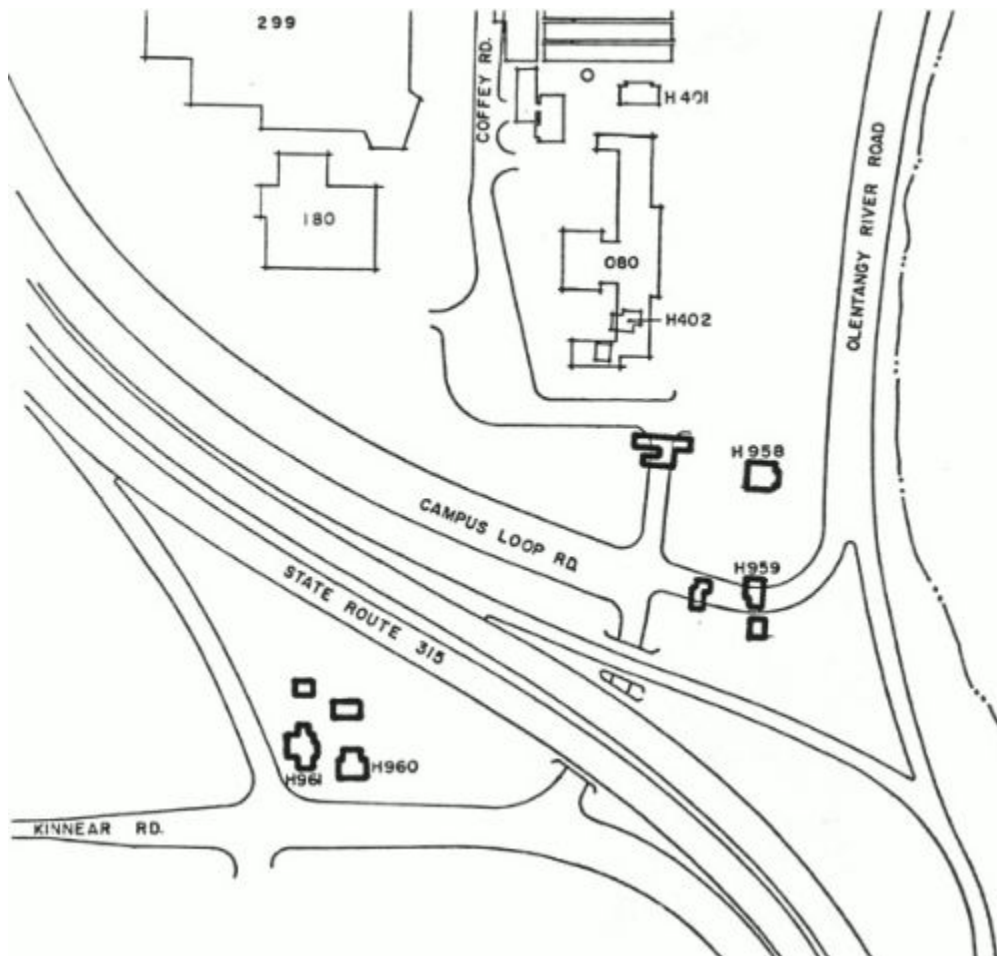
2.1 Located at Kinnear Road and Olentangy River Road. See map below. Street addresses were:

H 958 - 1873 Olentangy River Road

B 959 - 1847 Olentangy River Road

H 960 - 720-22 Kinnear (double house)

H 961 - 736-38 Kinnear (double house)



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

3. General Description

This property consisted of four houses, each with one or more barns or other outbuildings. Examination of photographs (X 12091 and frame 1-1 of October 26, 1946 aerial survey) reveal the following:

H 958 - A two-story, frame house, probably with basement. Large, irregular shaped barn at rear.

H 959 - A two-story, frame house with a barn at the rear and a square frame structure possibly a garage across the driveway to the south. The "garage" appears on a 1946 photograph but not on one in 1940.

H 960 - A two-story, double, frame house with a barn at the rear.

H 961 - A two-story, double, frame house with a barn at the rear.

B. ACQUISITION

1. All of these buildings and 9.75 acres of land, were given to the University by James W. and Haimah Davis by warranty deeds executed July 15, 1942 (Deed book 1206, p. 371, 375).

Life estate in the original homestead (H 958) and 1.055 acres was granted to Hannah Davis by warranty deed executed July 15, 1942 (Deed book 1206, p. 367). This life estate was terminated by the death of Hannah Davis on August 5, 1952.

C. DEMOLITION

The Board of Trustees approved demolition of houses on the following dates.

- H 958 - March 9, 1953 (house, barn, and sheds)
- H 959 - January 12, 1953
- H 960 - January 12, 1953
- H 961 - January 12, 1953

See Addendum No. 1

D. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

- 1.1 All of the buildings except the "garage" at H 959 appear in X 12091 which was taken in 1940, two years before the property was given to the University.
- 1.2 All of these buildings appear in frame 1-1 of the October 26, 1946 aerial survey.
- 1.3 All of the buildings appear in a 1950 aerial photograph (X 1059).
- 1.4 Building H 958 is shown separately in X 12088 and X 12089; with some of the outbuildings in X 12090 and X 12090A.

John H. Herrick
May 21, 1975

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Cabinet on March 30, 1953 awarded the contract for demolition of the house, barns and sheds (H 958) to the Starling Street Wrecking Co.

John H. Herrick
June 28, 1978

ADDENDUM NO. 2

Cabinet on April 18, 1946 approved painting and papering the "David House" on Kinnear Road. Presumably this meant the Davis house, either H 960 or H 961.

John H. Herrick
September 28, 1979